

REMARKS

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Claims 1 – 32 are currently pending. Claims 25, 26, 31 and 32 are amended to correct minor typographical and spelling errors. No new matter is added.

The specification is amended to correct minor spelling and typographical errors. The amendment to paragraph 0006 seeks to correct the abbreviation for infective endocarditis (IE). The amendment finds basis in the specification within the same paragraph on lines 7 and 10. The amendment of paragraph 0020 seeks to amend the operon name from “luxedabe” to “luxcdabe.” The amendment finds basis in the specification, for example, on page 5 in which visualization of light emitting bacteria in the liver of rats is described. In line 2 of paragraph 0018 attenuated E. coli transformed with the plasmid DNA “pLITE201 carrying the luxcdabe operon” is described as being intravenously injected into Sprague Dawley rats. Likewise, in paragraph 0020 rats were injected intravenously with attenuated E. coli transformed with the plasmid pLITE201 carrying the “luxcdabe” operon, not the “luxedabe” operon. The amendment of paragraph 0060 seeks to correct a typographical error in the units of fluid volume from “50 il” to “50 µl”. The amendments to paragraphs 0061 and 0057 seek to correct the abbreviation of the mouse strain C57 Black 6J from “CS7BL/6J” and “C57BU6J” to “C57BL/6J”. As cited in the specification, these mice were obtained from Jackson Laboratories (page 14, paragraph 0057). Neither CS7BL/6J or C57BU6J are valid mouse strains available from this source, whereas C57BL/6J is a commonly used immunocompetent mouse strain available from Jackson Labs.

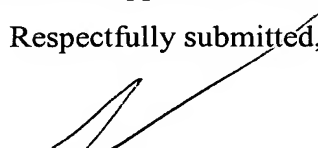
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